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HOLD FOR OPENING OF BUSINESS

1. WE FIND DATES AND VENUE ACCEPTABLE

2. COVERAGE FOR PART A SEEMS TO BE VERY THIN. WE WOULD

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WELCOME BROADER COVERAGE INCLUDING OTHER ASPECTS OF THE

PPBS PROCESS IN NATIONAL DEFENSE MANAGEMENT. WE SUGGEST CONSIDERATION OF FOLLOWING SUBJECTS ON WHICH US WOULD BE PREPARED TO FURNISH A SPEAKER:

- A. EVALUATION OF PROGRAM AND BUDGET EXECUTION.
- B. INTEGRATION OF PLANNING, PROGRAMMING AND BUDGETING; DEGREE OF SUCCESS IN TRANSFERRING FROM ONE STAGE TO THE NEXT.
- C. ACCOUNTING SUPPORT FOR PPB.

3. ON PART B, WE WOULD WISH TOPIC SUGGESTED BY MISSION, QTE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN ARMAMENTS DEVELOPMENT AND PROCUREMENT, UNQTE REPLACED BY THE MORE COMPREHENSIVE TOPIC OF QTE ALLIANCE COOPERATION IN BUILDING AND MAINTAINING NATO DEFENSES. UNQTE THIS WOULD PERMIT CONSIDERATION

OF COOPERATION IN LOGISTICS, RATIONALIZATION, STANDARDIZATION, AND SPECIALIZATION, ALONG WITH COOPERATION IN ARMAMENTS; US COULD OFFER PRESENTATIONS. IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IF ASG TUCKER WERE INVITED TO GIVE OR ARRANGE FOR A PRESENTATION ON THE GENERAL FIELD OF DEFENSE COOPERATION IN NATO. WE WOULD HOPE THAT SEVERAL OF THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (OR THE EUROGROUP) MIGHT WISH TO OFFER PRESENTATIONS WITHIN THIS BROAD TOPIC.

4. IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE, MISSION MIGHT RAISE INFORMALLY WITH INTERNATIONAL STAFF THE FEASIBILITY OF INVITING FRANCE AND GREECE TO SEND PARTICIPANTS OR OBSERVERS TO THE WORKSHOP.

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